THE WEST SIDE.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1890.

LOCALS.

Electric lights soon.

No new court house.

Hop picking is in full blast.

A fine line of tobacco at H. & W. *

Read Shelley & Vanduyn's new ad.

Eggs and butter wanted at H. & W. *

L. W. Robertson is expected home soon.

A fine line of Oregon lard at H. & W. *

Dr. Aborn, of Portland, has an ad in this week.

Oats 40 cents, hops, 31 cents, and wheat 66½ this week.

Oregon hams, shoulders and bacon for sale by H. & W. *

Guns! Guns! in endless variety at J. F. O'Donnell's. *

A fine lot of hop baskets at H. & W. *

Pearl Blackerby, of Silverton, was in town Thursday.

Goods and grub paid for with hop tickets at H. & W. *

Wm. Nesmith, of Dixie, was in town several days this week.

Polk county has fifty-eight school districts and 2993 school children.

Rev. John Osborne is building a new residence south of town on his farm.

Bruce Messick, of Perrydale, and Sheriff Wells, of Dallas, were in town this week.

On Friday last Mrs. H. D. Waller returned home after several week's visit in Portland.

Henkle & Walker will sell you as many goods as any other firm in Polk county for spot cash. *

A Wing and family, of Monmouth, left for Portland Saturday where they will live in the future.

Messrs. A Macaulay & Co. have received a part of their fall styles in millinery. *

All persons knowing themselves indebted to M Beamer are requested to call and settle. *

Luther Grounds, of Monmouth, is building a cozy residence near the school house.

E. W. Cooper and wife will remove to Newport where Mr. Cooper is engaged in business.

J. C. Worth, of Monmouth, is building a cozy residence near Wm. Mason's property.

Miss Becky Simpson, of Peedee, was visiting Miss Laura Elkins the early part of this week.

A. B. Atkins and family will return next week from the Makenzie. They have killed nine deers.

Miss Georgia Kisor, of Philomath, will succeed Miss Knapp in the dressmaking business after Saturday.

Miss Ollie Waller, of Prineville, and Mrs. Rhoda Hampton, of The Dalles, are guests of Mrs. H. D. Waller.

Miss Patie Cooper and her mother left on Tuesday for Summit, Benton county, where they will rusticate.

Mr. Zed Rosendorf, while in San Francisco recently, was interviewed by a *Chronicle* reporter, about Oregon.

The round house for the motor line, built of a framework of wood, covered with corrugated iron is about completed.

The picnic at Bonney's grove of the children of the Loyal Legion was largely attended and a very enjoyable affair.

Four hop tickets will purchase the WEST SIDE for three hundred and sixty-five and a fraction days. Tickets taken at par.

Mrs. Hurley returned from a business trip to Portland. Miss Rosa Jones was in charge of her millinery business during her absence.

J. W. Myers, of Crowley, made a run of 27½ days and averaged 2183 bushels per day which speaks well for the machine and its owners.

Williard White, of Derry, made a twenty-two day's run with his thresher at an average of 2000 bushels a day finishing last Saturday.

Mrs. Levi Ankeny, of Walla Walla, is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. W. Nesmith, at Dixie, and Mrs. Vin Cook, of Clifton, is also visiting there.

Mr. J. P. Emmett, of McCoy, has shipped three hundred boxes of fruit this season to the Seattle market. He has some very thrifty young prune trees.

The genial Tom Williams, of Airlie, was doing the town Saturday. His mashed fingers, caused by getting caught between two narrow gauge cars, are healing nicely.

Miss Davidson, of Buena Vista, Miss Maggie McDaniel, of Rickreall, I. A. Allen and wife, of Oak Grove, and E. T. Hatch, and wife, of McCoy, were seen on our streets this week.

Mr. W. L. Elder brought in some very fine samples of peaches which were raised on young trees opposite town, and Mr. J. D. Hampton favored us with some fine large plums.

Rev. E. E. Phipps, of Grants Pass, will preach in the M. E. church South of this city every Sunday, commencing the 14th of September. On that day he will organize a Sabbath school.

J. F. O'Donnell has added to his already large and increasing business a tin shop, where he will be prepared to do all kinds of work on short notice. Bring in your old tinware and have it fixed good as new for almost nothing. *

Curt Hawley and Frank Emmett, of McCoy, and J. Wm. Bayne, of Portland, passed through town on Tuesday on their way to Alsea bay, where they will spend several weeks hunting. They were well stocked with provisions and ammunition.

Mr. Burt Lucas, whose interesting letters have appeared in the WEST SIDE, is on his way back from Europe and was in Boston on Wednesday. We may expect to see him here sometime next week. No doubt he will bring many curiosities with him.

As we go to press the board of trade has under discussion the proposition from a gentleman in Indianapolis to establish a cannery here, and it may arrange to advertise the town. We only wish every person in town in town in business, either merchantile or property, would meet with the board of trade.

A visit of a few hours this week in McMinnville with Mr. Bert Heath, of the *Telephone-Register*, convinced us that he is thoroughly in earnest in his endeavors to have a stranger pleased with his town and county. Such men as Heath & Harding offset a great deal of lack of enterprise among the residents. They are enthusiastic. They are proud of their town and their town should be proud of them.

On last Sunday afternoon the dwelling of Mr. Chas Lanktree, situated on his farm about three miles from this city, was total destroyed by fire. The family were all absent at the time, having gone down in the hop yards. The origin of the fire we did not learn. Mr. Lanktree is a very deserving hard working man, and Mr. Jos. Craven called on the citizens of Monmouth and here and in a few hours something like one hundred dollars was raised.

BURT LUCAS IN EUROPE.

Homeward Bound—Down the Rhine—The Beginning of the End and the End.

Since the Saturday afternoon we left Neuhausen, our course has been through German territory down the banks of the Rhine Our ride to Frieberg lay through the Black Forest all the way. After spending Sunday in Frieberg, we started for the famous summer resort of Triberg. A short stay here was made, and we were soon at the old city of Strasburg. Here we had our first opportunity of realizing to what an extent military life obtains in Germany.

THE GERMAN ARMY.

In through the surrounding forts, across drawbridges and under massive stone gateways we rode; past marching regiments, with their shining brass helmets over sturdy, solid bulldog-like faces; past exercise grounds where recruits were being practiced in running, volley firing, etc., past more grounds where infantry and cavalry were drilling and thus through streets on which more than half the passers by wore uniforms, to our hotel. There are 15,000 armed men on garrison duty in Strasburg and their barracks cover more ground than did the old town.

THE STRASBURG CLOCK.

Next forenoon we spent in carriages seeing the city and at 12 o'clock all repaired to the catherdal to see the famous clock perform its world renowned evolutions. These the boys found rather disappointing, as nothing in particular happened, except a cherub striking the hour, another reversing the hour glass, a lot of wooden figures moving on a revolving table, out of one hole into another, and the best of all, a very realistic rooster which flapped its wings, swelled its throat and got up a very fair imitation of a cock-a-doodle-doo.

AT BADEN-BADEN.

After dinner we wheeled out for Baden-Baden, only thirty-five miles. On this run the entire party, for a wonder kept together and that ta a rattling pace. The country proved uninterestingly flat, as the boys had grown to rather like the ten-mile hills and ten-mile coasts of Switzerland. Through this section of country tobacco and hops seemed to be the principal crops, though on all sides could be seen the busy harvesters reaping the ripe wheat, which owing to recent heavy rains was lying flat on the ground In the evening all went to the Conversatione Haus, or Casino, where we sat in the open air listening to the magnificent orchestra. For the benefit of the many Americans who were there the band played "Hail Columbia," "Yankee Doodle" and many other national pieces, which took our thoughts back across the sea to the land that is best of all. Next morning fourteen of the boys went down by rail to see the "Passion Play" while the other four preferred to stop in this delightful spot, and spent five days to good advantage.

MEET OREGONIANS.

Here we made the acquaintance of several American girls, but best of all we met some young ladies from Portland, Oregon, who are here studying music. You can guess so, the five days passed quickly and pleasantly. On the return of the boys we found some were delighted with the play while others were disappointed.

HEIDELBURG.

The next city of interest was Heidelburg, where all visited the castle and thoroughly explored all the nooks and corners of this most interesting of ruins. The magazine with its eight foot wall, rent asunder and partly lying in the moat, the famous Heidelburg Tun, or Cask (on top of which two of the boys danced a polka) and the high watch-tower with its superb view over city, river and vine clad hills, were all seen and climbed I forgot to mention that on crossing the German frontier the party received the deposits made on wheels when entering Switzerland and were not asked to pay any duty for Germany.

FRANKFORT.

From Heidelburg we soon reached Frankfort (by train, however, on account of rain) where we spent two days. This city has many attractions, one of which is the fine opera house of which there are few better in Europe. We all saw the familiar old "Mikado" played here Our next city of importance was Mayance where we spent a quiet Sunday. We also celebrated Jimmy Quinn's 21st birthday here with proper ceremonies.

BINGEN ON THE RHINE.

Then on to Bingen, made famous by Mrs. Heman's poem. Here across the river opposite Bingen, high above the vineyards which completely cover the sides of the mountain, stands the German National monument, representing Germania watching the Rhine It is a splendid statue, nearly as large as Liberty in New York harbor, and on the pedestal are engraved the verses of "Die Wacht am Rhine." It was erected to commemorate her last victory over France. A cog railway runs up to the statue and we were more than repaid for the time taken to visit it.

COBLENZ.

From Bingen to Coblenz we had one of the finest runs of the tour. The distance is forty miles, the road follows the banks of the river the entire distance and is of good surface On either side the vineyards occupy the high slopes, while every prominent point is capped by castles wholly or partly in ruins. We visited one that was very fine, "The Rhinestein," which contains many old relics and is very interesting Many of them seem to be stuck up in these places just to fill out the landscape, and in this they succeed very well.

COLOGNE TO ROTTERDAM.

At Cologne we visited the finest cathedral we had seen yet, From here to Rotterdam by rail, where we put on our long disused citizens' attire, and boarded the steamer for London, where we arrived next morning after a very "choppy" sea crossing the English channel.

IN LONDON.

To describe dear old dirty London is more than anyone should attempt, but to Americans it is the most interesting of all cities. Here we see the original of nearly everything, and one of the best things is that everybody speaks English, and we feel like we were back in the world once more.

On the eve of the 19th Harry Higgins give us quite a special dinner it being the occasion of his birthday and was also the last time the party would all be together. It was a joyous occasion although there was a feeling of sadness in it. We would no longer ride side by side and coast the hills together and in the evening gather around the table and recount the haps and mishaps of the day's run But we will all have the satisfaction of remembering the dinner as one of pleasantest things connected with our 'cycling career. We have ridden about 1300 miles on our bicycles, besides many miles by boat and rail, And after all this trip our wheels look almost as good as new, so much for the good roads Some of the boys will remain here a few days and others a few weeks. But the end has come and the party disbanded, and thus has ended, the longest, most successful and pleasant bicycle tour ever run.

COUNTY AND STATE SCHOOL APPORTIONMENT.

DALLAS, Or, Aug. 18, 1890.

To the county scounty school superintendent of schools of Polk county, Oregon: I hereby certify that there is now in my hands the sum of $7,365.28, state and county school moneys, subject to apportionment to the several school districts of this county entitled thereto.

R. R. TURNER,
County Treasurer.

Below is the amount apportioned to each district out of the money in the hands of the county treasurer.

W. I. REYNOLDS,
School Superintendent.

District.	Children.	County.	State.
1	47	$ 51 55	$ 67 10
2	341	368 10	476 00
3	46	49 20	64 30
4	25	26 75	34 95
5	68	72 75	95 00
6	50	53 50	69 85
7	40	42 80	55 90
8	50	53 50	69 85
9	84	89 90	117 40
10	72	77 05	100 60
11	28	29 95	39 15
12	27	28 90	37 75
13	195	208 65	272 35
14	9	9 65	12 60
15	36	38 50	50 30
16	51	54 55	71 30
17	108	115 55	150 80
18	38	40 65	53 10
19	47	50 40	65 75
20	15	19 65	20 95
21	56	59 90	78 25
22	16	17 10	22 35
23	31	33 15	43 30
24	38	40 65	53 10
25	66	70 60	92 25
26	63	67 30	88 05
27	28	29 95	39 15
28	50	53 50	69 85
29	367	392 70	512 30
30	26	27 80	36 35
31	54	57 80	75 45
32	46	49 20	64 30
33	124	132 70	173 25
34	20	41 40	27 95
35	17	18 20	23 75
36	24	25 70	33 55
37	37	39 60	51 70
39	47	50 30	65 70
40	41	43 85	57 30
41	39	41 75	54 50
42	28	29 95	39 15
43	39	41 75	54 50
44	10	10 70	14 00
45	26	27 80	36 35
46	12	12 85	16 80
47	37	39 60	51 70
48	32	34 25	44 70
51	45	48 15	62 90
52	14	15 00	19 62
53	35	37 45	48 90
54	29	31 05	40 55
55	21	22 45	29 35
56	30	32 10	42 95
57	48	51 35	67 10
58	21	22 45	29 35

Fruit Lands in the Willamette Valley.

This land is situated from 3½ to 5 miles from the State Capitol, with its excellent shipping facilities, cannery, etc., and is especially adapted to fruit raising.

Five-acre tracts from $55 to $75 per acre all cultivated and ready to set to fruit.

Ten-acre tracts partially cultivated for $50 per acre.

Twenty acres light timber land, with good spring branch, $35 per acre.

Twenty-five acres, fifteen acres in cultivation, spring branch running on the place, for $35 per acre.

Forty acres of choice land all cultivated, small house, some young fruit already set out, $70 per acre.

Forty acres of land all cultivated, in wheat this year, for $65 per acre.

Forty-three acres, twenty-five acres cultivated, fine spring branch, place all fenced in, for $40 per acre.

Fruit raisers profit from $100 to $150 per acre after the trees are 4 years old.

An industrious man can make a good living for his family while his orchard gets to bearing by raising vegetables and various crops for the cannery. Let us know what amount you have to invest and we will advise as to location.

Send for maps, pamphlets and price lists to

THE OREGON LAND CO.,
Salem, Oregon.

PIONEERS PROGRAM.

The following program has been arranged by the committee for the First Annual Camp of the Polk County Pioneers, viz:

FIRST DAY.

10:30 a. m., Pioneers convene at grand stand in the Normal grove.

10 to 10:30, Address by captain of camp—Ira F M. Butler.

10:30 to 11:30, Short addresses by numerous pioneers.

Adjourn for dinner.

1:30 p. m., Convene in grove.

1:30 to 1:45, Song by young ladies.

1:45 to 2:30, Recitation, "The First Settler's Story," by Mrs. Faubel.

2 to 2:20, Song by Pioneers.

2:20 to 2:45, Instrumental music by the ladies of Monmouth.

2:45 to 3, Song by little girls.

3 to 3:45, An address by a prominent speaker.

3:45 to 4, Song.

4 to 5:30, A grand march of pioneers, headed by a fife and drum and brought up by the Monmouth cornet band.

Adjourn for supper.

EVENING SESSION.

6:30 to 7:30, Congregate in Normal chapel and there witness a few modern tableaux by numerous ladies.

7:30 to 10:30, Camp fire chats by pioneers A number of camp fires will be built, around which all can pass the evening in pleasant conversation.

SECOND DAY.

9 to 10:30, Convene at grand stand and there organize the Polk County Pioneer Association.

10:30 to 10:45, Music.

10:45 to 11, Select reading.

11 to 11:30, Reading minutes and making announcements for the next regular meeting.

Adjourn for dinner.

Dinner. Barbacued beef and mutton, with bread, tea and coffee will be served to all.

The afternoon exercises will consist of music, gaming, etc., after which a general rejoicing of pioneers will be in order.

PLEASED WITH OREGON.

Mr. J. M. Mitchell returned last Monday from California. He says times are hard down there. The fruit crop is short in many places and men are unable to meet their engagements. Nowhere in California did he see a town that for its size was as prosperous, and seemed to him to have as bright a future as Independendence He said that in returning he spent a day in Corvallis and that the street car line there bears no comparison to our motor line which is carrying so many passengers. He saw scarcely any one riding on the cars there. He has returned home better satisfied than ever with Independence and Polk county, and is ready to do his utmost to develop our immense resources.

YAMHILL COUNTY FAIR.

The Yamhill county fair is in progress at McMinnville. A visit to the grounds this week convinces us that farmers care less for the fair, than those who have race horses and catch-penny games. We saw only a small agricultural exhibit, and few people in attendance. There are several baby-games, wheel-of-fortune and merry-go-rounds. Miss Rose Hembree has a very creditable department of painting, and is very energetic in arranging it in a tasty manner. The flower display under Mrs. A J. Apperson also attracts much attention. There is a display of fancy work, preserved fruits, vegetables, minerals, etc, but not nearly up to what Yamhill county can produce. The grounds are very well arranged and the race track is a fine one. The moving machinery and music is absent which always must prove a drawing feature. People must be amused as well as instructed. The races and base ball games are the leading attractions.

ZENA ITEMS.

Quite a lot of Brush college folks started for the coast last Tuesday morning.

Miss Rosa Richardson of your city is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Phillips.

Tom Skaife and "Pip," of Silverton, were in this part of Uncle Sam's domain the latter part of last week.

Mrs. W. H. H. Wade, of Currinsville, Clackamas county, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Polk Cavitt and other relatives.

P. F. Clark lost eighty dollars on his return home last week between here and the Portland ticket office in some unaccountable way.

Mrs Alice Pomeroy, of Portland, and Mrs. Carrie Martin, of Amity, took their friends in our city by surprise last Sunday. Come again ladies.

Mr. Elias Robbins, of Douglas county, an old pioneer of 1845 is visiting among friends here. He was one of the early settlers of Spring valley. It was here he took up his donation land claim.

R. F. McLench, one of our able county commissioners passed through here on his way to Dallas last Wednesday. The county court will we hope pass unfavorable upon that court house proposition, and thus frustrate the schem of those land boomers of Dallas at the county expense.

Master Henry Burley brought to our office the other day a flying squirrel, the first we have seen since our boyhood days in the old Buckeye state. It seems strange how a little thing will call up recollections of the past: it opened up the flood gates of memory, and we could see our self like living "a boy again," rambling through the then wilds of Ohio.

PARKER ITEMS.

Mrs. Addie Davidson, of Pomeroy, Wash., is visiting relatives of this place and Buena Vista.

Mr. J. O Davidson has been at the bedside of his brother, Dr. Davidson, of Independence, the past two weeks.

Miss Blanche Bronson, of Lewisville, who has been spending the summer with Mrs. J. O. Davidson has returned to her home. She will be missed.

Alex. Kerr, the bridge watchman, has rented his house to Wm. McCurdy, the section foreman, and moved to a house near the Luckiamute bridge so as to be near his work.

The team belonging to Garret Fresh was left standing near the warehouse, when it became frightened and ran away. Tearing down a fence and breaking the wagon was all the damage done.

Mr. Chas. Herren is carrying the mail from Parker to Buena Vista making connections with all passenger trains. He has firstclass accommodations, and charges the small sum of 25 cents.

H. C. Rowe, formerly of Philomath and Independence, sold his homestead near Pullman, Wash., and is visiting his children in Polk, Benton and Linn counties. The climate up there was too cold for him.

Mr. Leander Billeman, the genial old Frenchman, who is making his home at Wm. Fuqua's has gone to Vancouver to receive treatment for a cancer on his lower lip caused from the use of the pipe.

Mr. John Fresh, late of Iowa, has come to this country to stay. He is a cousin of Louis and Jas. Hemick. He has traveled a great deal, but never saw any country that suited him like Oregon does. He says he never saw such wheat.

Our school commenced the first of the month with Miss Velna Swann as teacher We congratulate the directors upon being able to secure the services of such an efficient teacher. It is too often the case that small schools have poor teachers.

Helmick Bros. undershot water-wheel located in the Luckiamute about a half mile from their warehouse for the purpose of furnishing water for the engine is a grand success It forces the water through iron pipes. Helmick Bros. are taking a large quantity of grain this year.

DALLAS LOCALS.

Hop picking has begun here.

Our engine company is called "The Terror."

J. M. Grant will be succeeded by Mrs Shaw in the boot and shoe busines.

Interest now ceases on all county warrants endorsed prior to January 1st 1890.

Dallas now has a free reading room in the building formerly occupied by Judge Daly.

Falls City received two car loads of freight at the depot here in one day recently.

Ira Smith, ex sheriff, has moved to Olympia where he will reside in the future.

Miss Maymie Bryant, who has been teaching at Nestucca, has finished her school term.

Prof. Bryant and family also J. W. Lawton and wife are rusticating on the Big Nestucca.

C. A. Johns, formerly an attorney here, now of Baker City was made a father of a fine girl the 23d of August.

Efforts are being made to permanently secure the iron work of the Narrow Gauge railway here, as formerly.

H. Van Meter has just completed surveying the railroad lands in the mountains back of Falls City and Dallas.

Messrs. Davis & Wann will soon be in possession of the hotel here. They are gentlemanly and agreeably and will make popular hosts.

Mrs. Hardy Holman, of this city, was born in Oregon in the year 1845, and is supposed to be the oldest native Oregonian in Polk county.

The public school opens here Sept. 29th with the following teachers: Prof. A. M. Bryant, Miss Sallie Finley, Miss Lillie Bryant and Miss Hebbie Hinchman.

Three grouse flew into Dallas recently and alighted on the fence of the court yard and were shot right in the city limits. It was almost fowl murder, but no arrests were made.

LaCreole academy opens its fall term Sept. 15th. The instructors are: Prof T. C. Bell, Mrs. T. B. Bell, Miss Bell, Miss Retta Campbell, Mrs. C. Lawton, Arthur Butler, and Willard Wright.

Rev. T. F. Royal, the Methodist pastor here, whose services have been of so much value to Dallas has been removed by the Conference to Dayton, Oregon. M. F. Summerville will succeed him.

S. E. Notson arrived home from Iowa State Normal school last week. He has always been one of Polks most progressive teachers and is now better prepared than ever to be of value in the educational field.

Dallas has a lodge of A. O. U. W. with officers as follows: Grandmaster, C. G. Rowell; financer, A. V. R Snyder; receiver, John E. Smith; recorder, V. P. Fisk; foreman, Cornelious Hughes, overseer; J. C. Sharp; guide, H. C. Fox. The hall is draped in mourning in honor of the late James McGrew, of Perrydale

Prof. Loisette's Memory System is Creating greater interest than ever in all parts of the country, and persons wishing to improve their memory should send for his prospectus free as advertised in another column.

DEAD LETTER OFFICE AT WASHINGTON.

Curiosities Seen There—How Work is Done.

[Written for the WEST SIDE.]

Thinking that some of your readers might be interested in it, I will try to discribe the dead letter office as I saw it this year, in the beautiful month of May. All the goverment buildings are built of sandstone, painted white, with the exception of the pension office, which is of brick. The new buildings will be of brick, and painted white, as it is has been found that it is durable, and much cheaper.

THE BUILDING ITSELF.

The postoffice is of sandstone and occupies nearly the whole of a square On entering the building we found ourselves in a spacious hall. After the ascent in an elevator and a walk down a long corridor, we entered the museum and passed from there to the visitors' gallery. This runs around the four sides of a large room. From this one can look down on the clerks at work at their desks below. On our left as we entered the visitors' balcony were ladies seated at desks, employed in reading letters. Our guide explained to us that ladies alone were employed in this capacity.

OPENING THE LETTERS.

If, upon reading the letters, any clue can be found as to where they came from, or to whom sent, they are returned; if not, destroyed. We looked down on the room before mentioned and closely observed the men, each at his own desk, and each bending attentively over his own work. At the desk to which our guide first called our attention, was seated a man whose sole occupation was to open letters. He used a long sharp instrument, and the "ritling" was done very rapidly, and the letters, thus opened, were passed to another man, who examined them. If they contained checks, greenbacks, or money in any form, they were passed to still another man, who, if he could find any name or postmark, telling where they were from or to whom sent they will be returned; if not the money goes into the U. S treasury. At one time $4000 was found in a letter and no name or mark of any kind telling from where it came or to whom sent so Uncle Sam calmly put the $4000 in his money-bag It would be a good plan if the goverment would require that letters and packages should be stamped plainly, as this would aid the employees in the dead letter offices very much by giving them the starting point at least, when, either through ignorance or carelessness, the writers have neglected the necessary information. At another desk is seated a man who opens packages In the few moments we were there he opened a package, containing a pair of ladies' suede gloves. As we only had a little time to spend, we contented ourselves with a glimpse of the museum and then took our departure.

THE MUSEUM.

The museum is a small room through which one passes on ones way to the balcony. It is filled with curiosities which have come through the mail. I will mention a few things which were noticable to us. A wash-board, a horned toad, an immense rattle-snake, (which had come into the office in a tin can alive and is now preserved in alcohol) a revolver, which had been sent loaded and cocked and addressed to a young lady There were several kinds of tools and even a model of a steam engine. There was an old pair of mail bags which had been in the service for years and years. In another glass case among the many curosities was a postal card from the late Johnstown flood, also a pair of kid gloves which had been taken from the body of a lady, that had lain under water for 114 days after the wreck of some vessel. It may interest my readers to know than these few things of which I have spoken, are a very few out of many which were sent to the dead letter office, and as their owners were unknown, they, each one went to form a part of the now large collection, though the museum is of only very recent origin.

THE DALLES, Or. I. C. B.

POLK COUNTY PIONEERS.

[For the WEST SIDE.]

The labors of the farmers for the year are about over, the harvest is about ended, and the great question now for consideration is, how much is the speculator going to allow us for our surplus grain. The farmer as he is now situated, must succumb to the demands of the cormorants of their wheat at the price allowed by them. How long this condition of affairs lasts depends in a great measure upon themselves. We will not at this time enter into a discussion of those political questions, the solution of which has a great bearing upon the prosperity of the agriculturists. We wish to draw attention to the Pioneer Reunion, to be held at Monmouth Sept. 11 and 12th. This will be an opportunity for farmers and pioneers to enjoy a festive occasion, rejoicing at the completion of their year's labors, and retrospecting the past, with all the reminiscenses connected therewith. Let us one and all come up to this meeting, determined to have a good time. Pioneers, we would be pleased to have you take pencil and paper, note down incidents connected with your lives prior to leaving the East, your travels across the plains and your early attempts in this country to make provision for the future. We would be pleased to receive such notes, that we might put them in good shape for publication. The ranks of the old Pioneers are thinning, and each year we miss the kindly face of those old time associates and friends, who, through a long and tedious travel ministered to each others comfort and necessities. We are growing old, our numbers decreasing year by year, and now let the pioneers of Polk come together and form an organization, through which their memories may be perpetuated through many generations. Let us meet as friends who have suffered through the trackless desert together, and together give thanks for the blessings we enjoy in this bright land of peace and plenty.

As we write, we almost hear the tramp of the funeral cortege as it wends its way, bearing the corpse of our friend, Joseph Suver, to the resting place of the dead. Mr. Suver was an imigrant of 1844, he has lived a long and active life, a highly respected citizen, against whom no shadow of ever wronging his fellow man ever rested. Soon, very soon will the pioneers of 1844 have rendered up their account. We hope the last remaining three, David Johnson, John Nichols, and Carey Embree will be at the Reunion.

SIX.

ALMOST A FLOWING WELL.

Mr. L. M. Sloper has just finished boring a three inch well one hundred and fifty feet deep on the old Locke farm about two miles south of town. He bored one hundred and forty feet through clay and obtained very little water. The next ten feet was rock and then a fine white quartz sand was struck. The water ran in rapidly and within twenty minutes had risen to within two feet of the surface of the ground The well is on a small elevation, and by making a syphon the well could be made a flowing one The peculiar sand obtained from the bottom of this well is worth study. It looks just like rock salt, and is clear and sharp. Mr. Sloper thinks he could bore a well that would furnish Independence with water by gravity. The chances are that a flowing well here would supply a great deal of water.

THE FLOURING MILL.

A brick foundation, several thousand brick in a pile, and forty or fifty thousand feet of lumber stacked up by the depot should have been pretty good evidence that the flouring mill was a sure go; but still some thought that perhaps —well they doubted—but Mr. George Skinner is here. He arrived on Monday and will go right to work. He was delayed or would have been here three weeks ago. He apprehends no trouble in getting carpenters to help him and will rush the work through. The machinery in two large cars left Indianapolis this week and will arrive here about the 20th. The engine and boiler is a large one and will have power to run water works, electric lights, or anything of that kind. It will also give plenty of power for a mill of one hundred and fifty barrells capacity, although only one of a hundred barrels will be built. Another looming frame will soon arise in the air.

A CASE IN POINT.

In our forefathers' days, pimples were attributed to diseased blood. But modern medicine has demonstrated that rich food does not create eruptions by fouling the blood, but retards digestion, which makes the stomach torpid, and the circulation sluggish, and in turn causes an enfeebled action of the pores which congest or become pimply. The modern theory therefore is not to treat the blood, but the stomach and liver, and it is under this new idea, that Joy's Vegetable Sarsaparilla was conceived. It has wiped out the "blood disease" theory of pimples, of the old sarsaparillas. A case in point "I have had for years spells of indigestion and dyspepsia and tried nearly everything. Finally I took one of the leading sarsaparillas. It did not help me, but caused pimples to break out on my face, which I was told was caused by the potash it contained. Hearing that Joy's Vegetable Sarsaparilla did not contain mineral and might act differently, I sent for it. The pimples disappeared immediadely and I have now after months had no return of the old spells. *It is a cure for indigestion and dyspepsia and the attendent face eruptions.*"

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1221 Mission street, S. F.

BORN.

STIVER.—On Thursday, August 28, 1890, to the wife of T. M. Stiver, the railroad agent here, a ten pound boy.

HENKLE.—On Monday, September, 1, 1890, to the wife of E. T. Henkle, a ten pound daughter. Polk county needs a recount.

KIRKLAND.—At Airlie, Aug. 20, 1890, to the wife of A Kirkland, a 11 pound boy. All well.

MARRIED.

COPELAND—WILDS.—At Albany, Sept. 1, 1890. Mr. Isaac Copeland late a student in Kentucky theological college and Miss Anna J. Wilds, of Albany.

Both were former students at Monmouth. They left for their future home in the East.

DIED.

COOK.—At Monmouth, Sept. 3, 1890, Miss Laura Cook, aged twenty years. Miss Cook was the sister of our furniture dealer, W. O Cook, who has been an attentive watcher by her bedside for several weeks She suffered from consumption Funeral services were held Thursday.

CITATION.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Polk County.

In the matter of the estate of Michael Fitzmorris, deceased.

To Thomas Fitzmorris, George Fitzmorris, James Fitzmorris, Frank Fitzmorris, John Fitzmorris, and Carvin Fitzmorris heirs at law of Michael Fitzmorris, deceased, greeting:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, you are hereby cited and required to appear in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Polk, at the Court room thereof, at Dallas in the County of Polk, State of Oregon, on

Monday the 6th day of October, 1890,

at 10 o'clock, in the forenoon of that day, then there to show cause why the will of the late Michael Fitzmorris should not be admitted to probate as prayed for in the petition filed September 2d, 1890, and you are hereby notified that the time for hearing said petition and proving said will has been set for the 6th day of October, 1890, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day at the court house in said County and State.

WITNESS, the Hon. J. Stouffer, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Polk with the seal of said Court affixed, this 2d day of September, 1890.

[SEAL]

Attest: C. G. COAD, Clerk.

Board of trade meets Monday night.

Monmouth people will turn out enmasse Saturday evening and led by the Monmouth band parade through the town. It is their turn this week. Trains will run every half hour during the evening.

Mrs J. Gibson and daughter Bessie are in Portland Miss Gibson goes there to copy some of the fine paintings which have lately been painted and placed on exhibition. She will use these paintings as studies in the State Normal school where she teacher of art this year.

Miss Nellie Hill returned last Monday from her California trip She reports having visited San Francisco, Alameda, Oakland, Berkley, North Beach, Sutro Heights, Doloros Mission Cliff House, and other points of interest in the golden state. She did not visit the Cliff observatory as it is only open to visitors on Saturday.

Prof. J. M. Powell, of Monmouth, has moved into his new house although it not nearly completed. Mr. Lark Hall, who purchased his old home, wants to put carpenters at work to build an addition and improve the premises. Prof Powell's new dwelling is a very neat Queen Anne cottage, of seven rooms, and will cost about $1200. It is situated nearly opposite A. B. Grigg's residence.

The last of those popular cheap excursions to Newport will leave Corvallis about 2:30 p. m. on Saturday, September 6th. The Corvallis band will accompany this excursion and give a grand ball at the opera house at Newport Saturday night. The fare, $2 for the round trip to Newport, is cheap enough to satisfy anyone, and the Southern Pacific company will make in connection with this, round trip rates of 1½ fare for parties of ten or more. To reserve accommodations or make special arrangements, communicate with C. C. Hogue.

The motor line railway carried over two thousand passengers up to Monday, September 1, being seven days, and did not get started until Monday evening. On Saturday over 440 rode over the road and on Sunday 558 took advantage of a five cent fare This week the patronage has averaged over 100 a day. This being the dull season the management is very well pleased indeed. Mr. F. A. Patterson is acting as conductor, Mr Young as engineer and Mr. Ball as fireman. About a cord of wood is burned each day. Six trips are made connecting with all trains, but this will soon be increased.

Mr. T. C. Gilmore, who applied for an electric light and water-work franchise at the last meeting of the city council, has purchased the stock of the present water company, and will proceed to put the water-works in first-class shape. He has ordered or will soon order a powerful pump and large steam boiler. Eight inch mains will be laid, and the city will be asked to put in fire plugs so that adaquate protection from fire may be afforded. We are glad to note the fact that we are to have a good water supply.

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